

will also serve to keep her memory alive for generations to come. I am pleased that Rutgers-Newark chose to remember Bessie Nelms Hill with this ceremony on October 20, 2004.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BILL DORN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Bill Dorn from Sterling, Colorado. Bill has been serving his country overseas for over ten years, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous efforts before this body of Congress and this Nation.

Bill returned to Sterling after serving in the Navy in 1963, and soon thereafter began a construction business with his brothers. In 1974, he started his own business and was recognized for his architectural plans of two hotels with the Golden Crown award given by the Best Western Company to 35 of 2500 entrants every year. In 1989, Bill moved to Wiesbaden, Germany and began working for the US Army with the Community's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund.

Bill has been widely recognized for his contributions to the Wiesbaden community by the Chief of US Veterans Affairs, the US Military Chief of Staff, the US Army Team of Excellence, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Great Escape Community Club. In addition, the Army Corps of Excellence and the US Army Europe (USAREUR) have recognized The Wiesbaden community for four consecutive years. Each year, Bill's contributions were specifically mentioned in the organizations reports.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize Bill Dorn for his exceptional service to the US Army personnel serving in Germany. He has been widely recognized for his unwavering ability to get the job done, and the excellence with which he performs his duties. It is with great pleasure that I recognize him today before this body of Congress and this Nation. Thank you, Bill, for your hard work and good luck with all of your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on November 18, 2004, I missed rollcall vote No. 535 due to surgery. Rollcall vote 535 was on the Stenholm motion to commit with instructions to S. 2986. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment providing that the provisions of the bill shall not apply after April 15, 2005.

Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 535.

H.R. 2440

HON. RICHARD W. POMBO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. POMBO. Mr. Speaker, I request that my extension of remarks for H.R. 2440, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2004, be submitted for the RECORD.

As the 108th Congress draws to a close, we can be proud of the steps we have taken toward helping the millions of Native Americans and Alaska Natives living across the country. From continuing to tackle the problems surrounding the Indian Trust Fund lawsuit, Cobell v. Norton, to passage of probate reform for Native American families, the House Resources Committee was able to work in a bipartisan fashion to address these and other important issues.

One of the issues most fundamental to improving the lives of those in Indian country is the health of their people, both young and old. Embodied in H.R. 2440, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2003, is the essence of truly modernizing an outdated system that no longer properly embraces medical advances that have improved health care delivery and quality over the past decades. Since the last time Congress addressed tribal health care on this scale, more than half of the tribes in the United States have exercised their rights under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to assume responsibility in carrying out health programs on their own behalf.

Through the valuable input of the National Steering Committee and others throughout Indian country, the Resources Committee was able to report H.R. 2440 from the Committee with strong bipartisan support. While the House will unfortunately not have time to act on this legislation during this Congressional session, the importance of moving this issue forward remains.

Regrettably, when H.R. 2440 was reported, the Committee report omitted a section that was of importance to my colleague, Congressman J.D. Hayworth. For that reason, I would like to note that I agree with the need to address the role that naturopathic medicine plays in the lives of Native Americans and Alaska Natives. In particular, the report should have noted that in reference to the Loan Repayment Program defined in section 110 of the bill, the definition of health professions as defined in Section 3 includes naturopathic medicine, as there is nothing in H.R. 2440, or reflected in our interactions with the Indian Health Service, that would exclude naturopathic medicine from participation in the program.

IN MEMORY AND TRIBUTE TO THE LATE WILLIAM M. BURKE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of the late William M. Burke, who passed away recently after a brief illness. Mr. Burke was the founder of the Washington

Center for Internships and Academic Seminars in 1975, and he served as the President until his passing.

Mr. Burke's tireless work in developing the ever-widening circle of influence of the Washington Center has empowered thousands of young people to discover the leadership qualities that they already have and to nurture those talents through experiential education both here and abroad. Bill Burke believed that young people should embrace the values of self-respect, courage, ethics, teamwork, and leadership. These were some of the values that Bill himself demonstrated in his own life.

Mr. Burke sought to educate the leaders of tomorrow by exposing them to the leaders of today. Members of every branch of government, foreign dignitaries, corporate CEOs, academic leaders, and over 33,000 alumni have forged partnerships with the Washington Center over the years. The alumni of the Center have reached some of the highest levels in the public and private sectors.

Bill Burke addressed divisive shortcomings in equal access to the Washington Center by leading the development of the Internship Initiative for Students with Disabilities, the Native American Program, the Diversity in Congress Program, the Minority Leaders Fellowship Program, the Women as Leaders Program, and the NAFTA Internship Program, as well as a growing international program. I have been a supporter of the Cordova Congressional Internship Program, which brings 20 Puerto Rican students into congressional offices to live and learn about life in the United States.

Bill Burke has embodied the most honorable models as a mentor, teacher, father, and husband. We extend our condolences to his wife Sheila, and to his two children Barry and Reavey, and to his colleagues and friends, in whose lives will now exist a vacuum once filled by a great man. And to all people who have felt the extent of Mr. Burke's passion for empowering the young people of this nation to achieve great things, continue to embody the values that Mr. Burke endeavored to instill in you. Mr. Speaker, let us as a Body recognize the legacy of Bill Burke, and honor his memory here today.

TIME TO OVERHAUL THE DRIVERS' LICENSE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, As you know there is considerable concern that the state drivers' licenses no longer can be said to meet standards of reliability we have come to expect from documents upon which we must rely to authenticate the identity of an individual. The ease with which such documents may be counterfeited, or even procured through lawful channels, by those not entitled to them gives me pause.

Recently I read a thoughtful and provocative Op-ed in the Nov./Dec. issue of Digital Transactions by Mr. Joel Lisker. Mr. Lisker, a former FBI supervisor, federal prosecutor & senior Senate Counsel, who led MasterCard International's Global Security and Risk Management department for 16 years, takes a close look at the current troubling state of such licenses and the need to upgrade them to a reliable, proven state-of-the-art platform.